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I.

The King's Commission to JOHN Earl of Glasgow produced, and ordered to be recorded.

Edinburgh, May 18th, 1769.

THE General Assembly of this National Church being conveened and constituted, there was produced to them, by the Right Honourable JOHN Earl of GLASGOW, the King's Commission, sealed with the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and used in *Scotland*, in Place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, making and constituting him his Majesty's High Commissioner and Representative in this Assembly; which Commission

sion was publicly read, with all due Honour and Respect, and ordered to be recorded in the Books of Assembly. The Tenor whereof follows:

" GEORGIUS, Dei gratia, *Magnae Britanniae, Franciae,* " et *Hiberniae* Rex, Fidei defensor. Omnibus probis " hominibus, ad quos præsentes literæ nostrae pervenerint, " salutem. Quandoquidem Nos considerantes, quod generalis ecclesiae *Scotiae* conventus in decimum octavum diem " *Maii* instantis convenire ordinatus fuit; Nosque etiam " abunde cupidi, quin etiam necessarium esse judicantes in " commodum dictae ecclesiae, ut idem generalis ecclesiae conventus, die statuto debite observetur, atque rebus magni " momenti Nos alio vocantibus, dicto conventui personaliter " interesse nequimus; Nosque abunde satisfacti de fidelitate " et sufficientia fidelissimi et dilectissimi Nostri consanguinei *Joannis* comitis de *Glasgow*, quod ad summum munus " postea mentionatum rite exercendum et obeundum usque- " quaque sit qualificatus; Noveritis igitur Nos nominasse, " constituisse, et ordinasse, sicuti Nos, tenore praesentium, " nominamus, constituimus, et ordinamus memoratum " *Joannem* comitem de *Glasgow*, supremum Nostrum commissionarium ad effectum postea mentionat. Dando et concedendo illi pleniſſimam Nostram potestatem, commissionem, et warrantum, sacram Nostram personam et autho- " ritatem regalem repraesentandi; necnon praesentiam Nostram supplendi, et locum Nostrum in dicto subsequenti " generali conventu, tanquam commissionario Nostro ad " hunc effectum specialiter constituto, tenendi, omniaque a- " lia ad imperium et locum Commissionarii, pro generali ecclesiae conventu peragendi, tam plene, adeoque libere, in " omnibus respectibus, quam quilibet alius ejusdem summi " muneris fecerat, seu quovis tempore praeterito facere potuerat, vel ac si Nos ipsi personaliter praesentes facere potuerimus. Quaeque omnia et singula ab antedicto *Joanne* comite de *Glasgow*, in hac Nostra commissione prosequenda, legitime fecerit, seu fieri ordinaverit, Nos firmiter " approbamus, et habituri sumus. Omnibus et singulis insuper antedictae ecclesiae et conventus pastoribus, et presbyteris, caeterisque quibuscunqne, infra illam partem *Magnae* " *Britanniae*, *Scotiam* vocat. subditis Nostris quibuscunque, " cujuscunque gradus, seu qualitatis, ut dictum *Joannem* comitem de *Glasgow*, tanquam Nostrum supremum Commissionarium, quoad effectum et modum supra mentionatum, " revereantur, agnoscant, et dicto ipsius audientes se praebeant, stricte mandamus et imperamus; atque hanc Nostram commissionem, a dicto decimo octavo die *Maii* in- " cipere,

" cipere, et deinceps hac subsequenti sessione dicti generalis " conventus, in vigore continuare declaramus, vel usque dum " a Nobis revocabitur, et exonerabitur. In cujus rei testi- " monium, sigillum Nostrum per Unionis tractatum custo- " diend. et in *Scotia*, vice et loco Magni Sigilli ejusdem u- " tend. ordinat. praesentibus appendi mandavimus; apud " aulam Nostram apud *St James*'s, duodecimo die mensis *Aprilis*, " anno Domini millesimo septingentesimo sexagesimo nono, " regnique Nostri anno nono. Per signaturam manus S. D. " N. regis suprascript."

II.

The King's most gracious Letter to the General Assembly, presented to them by his Majesty's Commissioner.

Suprascribitur, GEORGE R.

RIGHT Reverend and Well beloved, We greet you well. The unwearied Attention which you have shown to the great Cause of Religion and Virtue, and the frequent Proofs we have experienced, of your Duty, Loyalty, and Affection for Our Person and Government, have the justest title to Our Royal Protection: It is therefore, with the highest Satisfaction, that we renew on this Occasion, those Assurances which We have so often given, of Our steady Resolution to maintain and support the Church of Scotland, as by Law established, in the full and free Enjoyment of all her just Rights and Privileges.

We cannot too earnestly recommend to you the Continuance of that Harmony, which will give Dignity to your Proceedings: And that, avoiding all narrow Distinctions, private Animosities, and personal Altercation, you confine your Deliberations to the great and laudable Work of promoting every Christian Virtue, and discouraging every Tendency to Vice and Immorality. And you cannot render a more essential

Service to your Country, or a more acceptable one to Me, than by inculcating the inſeparable Duties of a ſtrict Obſervance of the Tenets of Our Holy Religion, and a perfect Obedience to the Laws of Our happy Conſtitution.

We have again made Choice of Our Right Truſty and Right Well-beloved Couſin JOHN Earl of GLASGOW, to be Our Commiſſioner to repreſent Our Perſon in this Aſſembly; whoſe Fidelity, Zeal and Attachment We have already experienced, and who, We are convinced, will not only be acceptable, but pleaſing to you; and We cannot doubt but he will, by a ſteady Adherence to the Duties of his High Office, promote thoſe great Ends which We have ſo much at Heart. That your Endeavours for thoſe laudable Purpoſes, may meet with the Succeſs which they deſerve, and that this preſent Meeting of the General Aſſembiy, may, from your wiſe Conduct be brought to a happy Concluſion, by the moſt intire Unanimity, Cordiality, and brotherly Love amongſt all its Members, is our ſincere Wiſh. And ſo We bid you heartily Farewell.

Given at Our Court at *St James's* the 12th Day of *April* 1769, in the ninth Year of Our Reign.

By his Majeſty's Command,

(Signed) ROCHFORD.

III.

The General Aſſembly's Anſwer to the King's moſt gracious Letter.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE received Your Majeſty's moſt gracious Letter, with that profound Reſpect, that was due for ſo condeſcending a Mark of Your Royal Favour.

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We eſteem it as our greateſt Honour, that Your Majeſty's Experience has confirmed Your favourable Diſpoſitions towards us, and induced You to repeat Your ſteady reſolution to ſupport the Church of Scotland, in the full and free Enjoyment of all her Rights and Privileges as by Law eſtabliſhed; and the Satisfaction Your Majeſty is pleaſed to expreſs, with our Attention to the great cauſe of Religion and Virtue, and our Duty, Loyalty, and Affection for Your Perſon and Government, is an additional and moſt engaging Motive, to make us apply ourſelves with Zeal to promote the Advancement of Religion and Virtue, and to diffuſe the Senſe of Your Majeſty's moſt juſt, mild, and paternal Government.

We liſten with the utmoſt Reſpect, to the Advice Your Majeſty is pleaſed to give us, to preſerve that Harmony which will give Dignity to our Proceedings; and that, avoiding all narrow Diſtinctions, private Animoſities, and perſonal Altercation, we confine our Deliberations to the great and laudable Work of promoting every Chriſtian Virtue, and diſcouraging every Tendency to Vice and Immorality: And as we are thoroughly convinced, that a ſtrict Obſervance of the Tenets of our holy Religion, and a perfect Obedience to the Laws of our happy Conſtitution are inſeparable in themſelves, and eſſential to the Good of our Country, we count it our Honour and Felicity, that we can render ourſelves acceptable to Your Majeſty, by following our King in theſe ſentiments ſo becoming a Chriſtian Prince, the Father of his People.

We beg leave to expreſs our humble Thanks to Your Majeſty, for your Attention to the Propagation of Chriſtian Knowledge, and the Principles of reformed Religion in the Highlands and Iſlands of Scotland; a Part of Your Majeſty's Dominions, where the Intereſts of Religion and Government coincide in a particular Manner; and to aſſure Your Majeſty, that it ſhall be our Endeavour to apply Your royal Donation for this important End with the moſt prudent Care.

The Earl of Glaſgow's Loyalty, Integrity, and Zeal for Your Majeſty's Service are ſo well known to us; and we have had ſuch frequent Experience of his Abilities to diſcharge the important Truſt which Your Majeſty has repoſed in him, and are ſo fully convinced of his Affection to the Church of Scotland, that we look on Your Choice of him to repreſent Your royal Perſon in this Aſſembly, as a moſt obliging mark of Your Favour.

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Permit us to assure Your Majesty, that next to the Favour of that God whom we serve, it will give us the greatest Pleasure to obtain Your Royal Approbation; and that we will endeavour to proceed in the Business before us, with that Unanimity, Cordiality, and Brotherly Love, which Your Majesty so strongly recommends.

That the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ may long preserve Your Majesty; that he may establish Your Throne in Righteousness, and in the Hearts of Your Subjects; that under Your most mild and gracious Government, You may daily behold the encreasing Felicity of Your People; that he may bless and long Preserve Your Royal Consort the Queen, whom he has made the happy Mother of Your Royal Progeny; that he may bless his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with every Talent and every Virtue that suits his exalted Station; and that after You have reigned long over a free and happy People, He may bestow upon You a Crown of Glory that fadeth not away; are, and shall be the constant Prayers of,

May it please Your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful,

Most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence,

and at our Appointment, by

Edin. 18*th May* 1769. JAMES M'KNIGHT, Moderator.

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IV.

An Address by the General Assembly to His Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful Subjects, the Ministers and Elders met in the national Assembly of the Church of Scotland, consider it as our Duty, at this Juncture, to approach Your Throne with the warmest Professions of our sincere Attachment to Your Royal Person and Family. As the Church of Scotland is indebted for its Preservation, in Times of Danger and Persecution, to the Divine Protection, it owes its civil Establishment to the Principles of Liberty. Under the same Illustrious Monarch who secured the Succession of the British Throne to the House of Hanover, the Protection of Law was obtained for the Church of Scotland; and the Members of this Church have uniformly distinguished themselves, no less by the Love of Liberty, which the Genius of our Ecclesiastical Constitution tends to cherish, than by their Attachment to Your Majesty's Royal Ancestors, the faithful Guardians of the Rights of their People.

Animated with the warmest Sentiments of Loyalty and Affection to our Sovereign, we embrace the first Opportunity that hath offered to us, of expressing our hearty Concern at that Spirit of Licentiousness, and those unhappy Dissensions, which have disturbed Your Majesty in the Seat of Your Government, and begin now to alarm the Minds of good Citizens, in the most remote Parts of Your Dominions. Fully sensible of Your Majesty's paternal Goodness, and constant Endeavours to promote the public Happiness, we cannot sufficiently lament, that this gracious Purpose should be obstructed by any Part of Your Subjects.

It is however with much Satisfaction, that we assure Your Majesty, that the great Body of the People under our Care,

ſenſible of the Bleſſings which they enjoy under Your auſpicious Reign, are actuated with Zeal for our happy Conſtitution, and with Reſpect and Love for their Sovereign. No Pains ſhall be wanting on our Part to cheriſh and improve thoſe happy Diſpoſitions. At the ſame Time that we inculcate upon them a ſupreme Reverence for the Doctrines and Precepts of Chriſtianity, we will omit no Opportunity of impreſſing them with Loyalty to Our King, Veneration for the Conſtitution, and Obedience to the Laws of our Country.

We offer, in the Name of Our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, our Prayers to Almighty God, that he may long preſerve Your Majeſty, to be the Guardian of our Civil and Religious Rights: That He may comfort Your Heart under the Cares and Burdens of Government, and guide Your Councils by His unerring Wiſdom; that there may ever ſurround the Throne Men of approved Ability and Integrity, poſſeſſing the Confidence of their Sovereign, and the Eſteem of their Fellow Subjects; and that theſe Lands, ruled by Your Majeſty and Your Royal Deſcendents, may continue to the lateſt Ages, to be the happy Seat of Religion, Liberty, and the valuable Arts of Life, are, and ſhall be the conſtant Prayers of,

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

Your Majeſty's moſt faithful,

Moſt obedient,

And moſt Loyal Subjects,

The Miniſters and Elders met in this National Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Name,

In our Preſence,

And by our Appointment, by

JAMES M'KNIGHT Moderator.

Commiſſion

V.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and for managing His Majesty's Royal Bounty for that End.

THE General Assembly do hereby nominate and appoint Dr James M'Knight Minister of the Gospel at Maybole, their Moderator, all the Ministers, Members, of the Presbytery of Edinburgh, Mr John Brown at Rhynie, Mr James Thomson at Aberlour, Mr David Rentoul at Elgin, Mr John Nicolson at Portree, Mr Thomas Gordon at Auldearn, Mr Daniel Brodie at Calder, Mr Malcolm Nicolson at Kiltarlity, Mr John Sutherland at Dornock, Mr George Douglas at Kirkwall, Mr James Lindsay at Kirkliston, Mr John M'Caull at Symington, Mr John Gouldie at Pennycook, Mr Matthew Reid at Prestonpans, Mr Robert Monteith at Longformacus, Mr John Nimmo at Johnston, Mr William Dalrymple at Ayr, Mr George Laurie at Loudoun, Mr Gilbert Lang at Largs, Mr Colin Campbell at Renfrew, Mr Archibald M'Lea at Rothsay, Mr John Freebairn at Dunbarton, Mr Hugh Campbell at Kilmartin, Mr Donald M'Nicol at Lismore, Mr Kenneth M'Aulay at Ardnamurchan, Mr Adam Ferguson at Moulin, Mr Robert Spears at Burntisland, Principal Tullideph at St Andrews, Mr Theodore Gordon at Kennethmont, Dr John Ogilvie at Midmar, Mr William Hay at Cruden, Mr John Mair at Raine, Mr Andrew Skene at Banff, Mr George Robertson at Campbelton, Mr Alexander M'Tavish at Morven, Mr Alexander Stewart at Leslie, Ministers; James Stewart, Esq; Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Provost Gilbert Lawrie, Conveener Simpson, Professor Ferguson, Mr Cosmo Gordon Advocate, Mr Isaac Grant Writer, Dr Gregory Grant Physician, Mr Archibald Wallace Merchant, Mr James Colquhoun Advocate, Mr Alexander Campbell Sheriff-depute of Inverness, Mr Alex. Tait one of the Principal-clerks of Session, Mr William M'Donald Writer, Mr George Wallace Advocate, Mr Walter Scott Merchant, Mr John Swinton *tertius* Advocate, Mr Alexander Orr Writer, Mr Alexander

der Ferguſon Advocate, Mr George Clerk Advocate; Mr Andrew Croſbie Advocate, Bailie John Walker Merchant, Mr John Chalmers Writer, John Fordyce of Ayton, Eſq; Mr Robert Sinclair Advocate, Mr Alexander Wight Advocate, Mr Banantyne M'Leod Advocate, Profeſſor Williamſon, Mr Allan M'Dowal of Gallaniſh, Mr John Swinton junior Advocate, Mr George Ogilvie Advocate, Mr George Buchan-Hepburn Advocate, the Lord Advocate, Sollicitor Dundas, Mr William M'Culloch Writer, Lord Stonefield, Mr Alexander Hart Writer, Mr Andrew Balfour Advocate, Mr James Stevenſon Advocate, Mr William Alexander Merchant, Mr John Adams Architect, Profeſſor Gordon, John Home, Eſq; David Dalrymple, Eſq; Procurator for the Church, Ruling Elders; to be a Committee of this Aſſembly, for Reformation of the Highlands and Iſlands of Scotland, for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, ſuppreſſing Popery and Prophaneneſs, and for managing the Royal Bounty for theſe Ends, according to, and in Terms of His Majeſty's Grant to this Aſſembly. In Proſecution of which Purpoſes, the Committee are to appoint Preachers and Catechiſts to go to ſuch Places as they ſhall find, upon due Information, to be moſt proper, accordiug to His Majeſty's Deſign expreſſed in his Warrant; and, in ſo doing, that they have particular Regard to ſuch Pariſhes in South Uiſt, Small-Iſles, Glenco, Harris, the Countries of Moidart, Glengairie, and Lochaber, and the other Pariſhes of the Synods of Glenelg and Argyle, which the Committee ſhall find, by Reaſon of their vaſt Extent, by the Prevalency of Popery and Ignorance, and other unhappy Circumſtances, to be in the greateſt Diſtreſs: And they ſhall take Care, that the Perſons they employ be certified, and found, upon due Trial, to be properly qualified for theſe reſpective Offices, of good Abilities for the ſame, of a pious Life and Converſation prudent, of undoubted Loyalty to His Majeſty, and of competent Skill in the Principles of Divinity, and particularly in Popiſh Controverſies: Such Preachers and Catechiſts being hereby appointed to be ſubject to, and under the Inſpection of, the Preſbyteries of the Bounds to which they are ſent, who are to take Care that the Orders of the Committee be duly obſerved by them: And the Preachers are alſo appointed to catechiſe, and both they and the Catechiſts to inſtruct the People from Houſe to Houſe, and to viſit the Sick: And, in all their Labours among the People, to be careful to teach them the Principles and Duties of the true Chriſtian Proteſtant Religion, and the Obligations they are under to

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Duty and Loyalty to our Sovereign King George, and Obedience to the Laws: And the Committee are impowered to give them such Instructions, as to their Work and Behaviour, as they shall judge meet; which Instructions the Preachers and Catechists are hereby ordered to obey. The General Assembly do further appoint the said Commttee to have a particular Regard in their Proceedings to the Regulations agreed upon by the Committee of the Assembly for managing the Royal Bounty, on the 30th of September 1730, approven by subsequent Assemblies; and to take Care that Presbyteries, and others concerned, observe the same, which they are hereby ordered to do: Particularly the Assembly ordains the several Presbyteries to insert in their Registers, the Committee's Appointments of the Designations, Salaries, and Stations of the several Missionaries, and to have an exact Regard thereto, in all the Letters they shall write about the said Missionaries, and in giving of Certificates to them; and to direct all their Letters concerning Missionaries in their Bounds, only to the Moderator of the Committee; which Letters shall be signed, at the Appointment of the Presybtery, by the Moderator or Clerk thereof: And the Assembly does discharge any Payment to be made of the Salaries of the Missionaries, except upon Receipts from the Missionaries themselves, and upon Certificates from the Presbyteries, bearing that they have served for the Times mentioned in the Receipts. The General Assembly do also impower the said Committee to apply, for the Purposes above mentioned, what may remain of the last Year's Royal Bounty not disposed of, by Reason of any of the Missionaries not fulfilling the Appointments laid upon them: And they are to keep a Register of their Proceedings, and likewise distinct Books of Accompts, how the foresaid Money is bestowed, which shall be patent to any concerned, who please to inspect the same. Of the Persons abovenamed as Members of this Committee, five are declared to be a *Quorum*, whereof three are to be Ministers. But it is hereby appointed, that at the Quarterly Meeting of the Committee, in which the Scheme or Establishment of Missionaries for the ensuing Year is to be approved and determined, not less than fourteen shall be the *Quorum*, whereof nine shall be Ministers; and the said Committee are appointed to have their Meetings at Edinburgh, in the Hall of the Society in Scotland for propagating Christian Knowledge, the last Thursday of every Month, at four of the Clock Afternoon, and also the first lawful Day after the Adjournment of the four stated Diets of the Commission of the General Assembly, at ten of the Clock in the forenoon, except that Day shall fall to be Saturday, and then the Meeting shall be upon Monday next

thereafter, at the ſaid Hour; with Power to the ſaid Committee to adjourn themſelves to ſuch Times and Places, as they ſhall find moſt needful and convenient; And they are to keep a Correſpondence with the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly, and the Society for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, and their Committee of Directors, and to take their Advice and Aſſiſtance; and alſo to correſpond with the Synods and Presbyteries concerned. They are likewiſe inſtructed and impowered, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe, to apply to the Government, or any Magiſtrate, for Aſſiſtance and Support in carrying on the Deſign of the Commiſſion now given to them. And the General Aſſembly do by theſe Preſents nominate and appoint Mr David Dalrymple Advocate, Procurator for the Church, to be Receiver of the foreſaid Royal Bounty, and to pay out the ſame as he ſhall be directed and ordered by the ſaid Committee, and according to their Rules. And the ſaid Committee are appointed to examine the Accompts of the Diſtribution of the Royal Bounty, and lay the ſame before the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or the Barons of His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer, and to report their Diligence to the General Aſſembly, to whom they are to be accountable. And it is agreed, that no Perſon once employed and inſert in the Scheme, ſhall be ſtruck out thereof for that Year, but by the *Quorum* of at leaſt Fourteen, whereof nine to be Miniſters; and in Caſe any Complaint ſhall be made againſt any of them on the Scheme, it ſhall not be determined the firſt ordinary Meeting that the ſame is offered, but it ſhall ly on the Table till another Meeting; and, in the mean Time, the Perſon complained of, and the Presbytery of the Bounds wherein he officiates, ſhall be acquainted of ſuch Complaint, and theſe concerned be required to ſend to the ſaid Committee a juſt Account of the Matter, againſt the next Meeting. And it is further appointed, That after the yearly Scheme of Miſſionaries on the Royal Bounty is ſettled in Manner above directed, and Notice thereof given by Letters, to the Presbyteries concerned, ſuch Presbyteries ſhall ſend up to the ſaid Committee, their anſwer to theſe Letters, at fartheſt with their Commiſſioners to the General Aſſembly, if the ſame be not done ſooner; and that the Committee, at their firſt Meeting after the General Aſſembly ſhall endeavour to compleat the next Year's Scheme themſelves; and if they cannot compleat it, they ſhall name a Sub committee of their Number for that Purpoſe, who are to lay their Draught thereof before a ſubſequent Meeting, which are appointed to meet as ſoon after the Riſing of the Aſſembly as poſſible: And that the ſaid Committee, in making up the Scheme of Miſſionaries, *&c.* do not exceed the Sum in the Grant.

Commiſſion

VI.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders, for discussing Affairs referred to them.

THE General Assembly considering, that there are divers Affairs which they cannot overtake, do hereby nominate, commissionate, and appoint, the Reverend Dr James M'Knight Minister of the Gospel at Maybole, their Moderator; and from the Presbytery of Strathbogie, Mr John Touch at Mortlich, Mr John Brown at Rynie, Ministers; and Mr Cosmo Gordon, Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Aberlour, Mr James Grant at Inveraven, Mr James Thomson at Aberlour, Ministers; and Mr Isaac Grant, Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Abernethy, Mr William Gordon at Alvie, Mr Patrick Grant at Cromdale, Ministers; and Dr Gregory Grant, Physician in Edinburgh, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Elgin, Mr David Rentoul at Elgin, Mr Lewis Gordon at Drainie, Ministers; and Mr Archibald Wallace Merchant in Edinburgh, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Forres, Mr Thomas Gordon at Auldearn, Mr Patrick Dunbar at Nairn, Ministers; and Professor Cuming at Glasgow, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Forres, Mr James Colquhoun, Advocate: From the Presbytery of Inverness, Mr Daniel Brodie at Calder, Mr Malcolm Nicolson at Kiltarlity, Ministers; and Mr Alexander Campbell Sheriff Depute of Inverness, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Chanonry, Mr Hector M'Phail at Kirkmichael, Mr David Denoon at Kilernan, Ministers; and Professor James Robertson, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Tain, Mr John Porteous at Kilmuir Easter, Dr John Bethune at Rosskeen, Ministers; and

and Mr David Roſs of Innerhaſley, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Skye, Mr John Nicolſon at Portree, Mr William Bethune at Durniſh, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery of Lewis, Mr James Wilſon at Lochs, Miniſter; and Mr Alexander Tait, one of the Principal Clerks of Seſſion, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Gairloch, Mr Donald M'Leod at Glenelg, Mr John Downie at Gairloch, Miniſters; and Mr William M'Donald Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Dornock, Mr John Sutherland at Dornock, Mr Hugh Roſe at Criech, Miniſters; and Mr William Gray Bookſeller in Edinburgh, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Tong, Mr George Munro at Farr, Mr Alexander Falconer at Edrachillis, Miniſters; and Mr John Moſman Merchant in Edinburgh, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Caithneſs, Mr James Brodie at Canniſbay, Mr James Taylor at Watting, Miniſters; and Mr George Wallace, Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Kirkwall, Mr George Douglas at Kirkwall, Mr James Aliſon at Holm, Miniſters; and Mr John Haddoway Merchant in Leith, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Cairſton, Mr Thomas Hepburn at Birſay, Mr Robert Smith at Firth and Stennes, Miniſters; and Mr John M'Laurin, Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Edinburgh, Dr Robert Wallace, Dr George Wiſhart, Principal Robertſon, Dr Gilbert Hamilton at Cramond, Dr Robert Dick, Mr John Warden, Miniſters; the Earl of Buchan, Provoſt Gilbert Lawrie, and Mr Archibald Mercer Merchant in Edinburgh, Ruling Elders: From the City of Edinburgh, James Stewart, Eſq; Lord Provoſt, and Conveener Thomas Simpſon: From the Univerſity of Edinburgh, Profeſſor Robert Hamilton: From the Church of Campvere, Mr James Yair at Campvere; and Mr John Home, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Linlithgow, Mr James Lindſay at Kirkliſton, Mr Patrick Baillie at Borrowſtounneſs, Mr John Bertram at Muiravenſide, Mr John Ritchie at Abercorn, Miniſters; Lord Napier, and Mr David Sampſon Factor to the Earl of Hopetoun, Ruling Elders: From the Burgh of Linlithgow, Provoſt Henry Gilles: From the Burgh of Queensferry, Mr Walter Scott Merchant in Edinburgh:

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From the Preſbytery of Biggar, Mr John M'Caul at Symington, Mr John Noble at Libberton, Mr George Mark at Covington, Miniſters; and Sir Archibald Denholm of Weſtfhields, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Peebles, Mr Alexander Robertſon at Eddelſton, Mr James Moffat at Newlands, Miniſters; and the Lord Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Dalkeith, Mr William Smith at Cranſton, Mr George Shepherd at Newbottle, Mr John Goldie at Pennycuick, Miniſters; and the Lord Preſident, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Haddington, Mr Matthew Reid at Preſtonpans, Mr Charles Cunninghame at Tranent, Mr John Main at Athelſtaneford, Miniſters; and Sir George Suttie of Balgoen, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Haddington, Mr Andrew Dickſon Merchant there: From the Burgh of North Berwick, Mr John Swinton *tertius*, Advocate: From the Preſbytery of Dunbar, Mr John Lundie at Oldhamſtocks, Mr Daniel M'Queen at Preſtonkirk, Miniſters; and George Buchan-Hepburn, Eſq; Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Dunbar, Mr Peter Miller Preacher of the Goſpel: From the Preſbytery of Dunſe, Mr Robert Monteith at Longformacus, Mr Adam Dickſon at Dunſe, Miniſters; and James Dickſon of Antonſhill, Eſq; Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Chirnſide, Dr Walter Anderſon at Chirnſide, Mr John Buchanan at Fouldon, Miniſters; and Sir John Stewart of Allanbank, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Kelſo, Mr James Turnbull at Linton, Mr Cornelius Lundie at Kelſo, Miniſters; and Mr Sollicitor Dundas, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Jedburgh, Mr James Simpſon at Wilton, Mr Thomas Elliot at Cavers, Mr James Muirhead at Oxnam, Miniſters; and Mr Walter Elliot of Ormiſton, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Jedburgh, Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto: From the Preſbytery of Lauder, Mr Alexander Duncan at Smallholm, Mr Robert Dawſon at Stow, Miniſters; and the Honourable George Baillie of Jerviſwood, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Lauder, the Earl of Lauderdale: From the Preſbytery of Selkirk, Mr Alexander Glen at Gallaſhiels, Mr Frederick M'Claggan at Melroſe, Miniſters; and Lord Alemoor, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Annan,

Mr Thomas Smith at Cummertrees, Mr Alexander Brown at Hoddam, Miniſters; and Mr Alexander Orr Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Langholm, Mr John Dickie at Langholm, Mr Robert Foot at Eſkdalemoor, Miniſters; and Mr John Craigie, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Lochmaben, Mr John Nimmo at Johnſton, Mr William Scott at Kirkpatrick, Mr William Bryden at Dalton, Miniſters: From the Burgh of Lochmaben, James Mounſey of Rammerſcales, Eſq; From the Preſbytery of Penpont, Mr Thomas Wilſon at Tynron, Mr John Johnſton at Duriſdeer, Miniſters; and Mr Alexander Fergusſon, Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Sanquhar, Mr George Clerk, Advocate: From the Preſbytery of Dumfries, Mr Archibald Lawſon at Kirkmahoe, Mr Philip Morriſon at Dunſcore, Mr James M'Millan at Torthorwald, Miniſters; and Mr Andrew Croſbie, Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Dumfries, Provoſt John Dickſon: From the Preſbytery of Kirkcudbright, Mr William Donaldſon at Parton, Mr William Crombie at Kirkcudbright, Mr Samuel Martin at Balmaghie, Miniſters; and Bailie John Walker Merchant in Edinburgh, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Kirkcudbright, Conveener John Lindſay: From the Preſbytery of Wigtoun, Mr William Boyd at Penningham, Mr James Laing at Glaſſerton, Miniſters; and Mr William M'Culloch Writer in Edinburgh, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of Stranrawer, Mr James M'Culloch at Kirkcolm, Mr Andrew Roſs at Inch, Miniſters; and Dr Robert Findlay of Drummore, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Stranrawer, John Buchan of Lethem, Eſq; From the Presbytery of Ayr, Mr William Dalrymple at Ayr, Dr Robert Wait at Galſton, Mr Duncan M'Mayne at Dalmellingtown, Mr Andrew Shaw at Craigie, Miniſters, John Hamilton of Bargeny, Eſq; and Ivie Hair of Rankerſtone, Eſq; From the burgh of Ayr, Mr John Chalmer Writer to the Signet: From the Presbytery of Irvine, Mr George Laurie at Loudoun, Mr Gilbert Lang at Largs, Mr James Woodrow at Stevenſtown, iniſters; and the Honourable Patrick Boyle Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Irvine, Mr Alexander Hutchiſon Preacher of the Goſpel:

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From the Pesbytery of Paisley, Mr Alexander Scott at Innerkip, Mr James Hamilton of the Abbay Parish, Mr George Muir at Paisley, Mr John Anderson at Port-Glasgow, Ministers; Mr John Fordyce of Ayton, and Alexander Wilson of Glanderston, Esqs; Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of Hamilton, Mr David Connel at Kilbride, Mr Richard Robertson at Dalziel, Mr James Muirhead at Stenhouse, Ministers; and Mr Robert Sinclair Advocate Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Lanark, Mr John Christie at Carnwath, Mr John Kingan at Crawford, Mr David Carmichael at Pittenain, Ministers; and Robert Kennedy of Auchterfardel, Esq; Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Lanark, Mr Alexander Wight Advocate: From the Presbytery of Glasgow, Mr John Corse at Glasgow, Mr William Bell at Campsie, Mr John Hamilton at Cathcart, Ministers; and Mr John Campbell Watchmaker there, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Dumbarton, Mr Colin Campbell late at Kilmaronock, Mr James Morrison at Strathblane, Mr John Freebairn at Dumbarton, Ministers; and Sir James Colquhoun of Luss, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Dumbarton, Dr James Flint Physician there: From the Presbytery of Denoon, Mr Alexander Lamont at Kilfinen, Mr Archibald M'Lea at Rothsay, Ministers; and Mr Bannantyne M'Leod Advocate Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Rothsay, John Dunlop, Esq; From the Presbytery of Kintyre, Mr George Robertson at Campbeltoun, Mrf George M'Leish at Skipness, Ministers; and Alexander M'Millan of Dunmore, Esq; Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Inverary, Mr Hugh Campbell at Kilmartin, Mr Paul Fraser at Craignish, Ministers; and Professor Williamson Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Lorn, Mr William Campbell at Kilchrennan, Mr Donald M'Nicol at Lismore, Ministers; and Lord Stonefield Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Mull, Mr Alexander M'Tavish at Morven, Mr Kenneth M'Aulay at Ardnamurchan, Ministers; and Mr Allan M'Dougal younger of Gallanish Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Dunkeld, Mr Adam Ferguson at Moulin, Mr James Bishop at Kinclevan, Mr Robert Williamson at Lethindy, Mr John Robertson at Little Dunkeld, Ministers; Mr John Swinton junior Advocate, Professor Adam Ferguson Ruling Elders: From the

Presbytery

Presbytery of Perth, Mr Thomas Ranken at Aberdalgie, Mr James Johſon at Errol, Mr Henry Inglis at Forteviot, Mr David Dow at Dron, Miniſters; Baile John Caw, and Mr Robert M'Intoſh Advocate, Ruling Elders: From the Burgh of Perth, Provoſt John Stewart: From the Presbytery of Stirling, Mr Lauchlan Taylor at Larbert, Mr John Duncan at Alva, Miniſters; and Lord Barjarg, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Auchterarder, Mr Robert Drummond at Auchterarder, Mr Archibald Rannie at Muckart, Mr John Storer at Foſſoway, Miniſters; and Bailie James Gentle, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Dumblain, Mr James Richardſon at Aberfoil, Mr James Robertſon at Callender, Miniſters; and Mr Stephen Petrie Surgeon in Down, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Dunfermline, Mr Robert Stark at Kinroſs, Mr Thomas Fernie at Dunfermline, Mr James Reid at Beath, Miniſters; and Sir George Preſton, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Inverkeithing, Mr Alexander Hart, Writer in Edinburgh: From the Presbytery of Kirkcaldie, Mr Robert Spears at Bruntiſland, Mr John Pinkerton at Markinch, Mr Robert Colvil at Dyſart, Miniſters; and Mr Andrew Balfour Advocate, Ruling Elder; From the Burgh of Dyſart, Mr James Stevenſon-Rogers Advocate: From the burgh of Kinghorn, James Balmain, Eſq; From the Presbytery of Cupar, Mr Thomas Stark at Balmerino, Mr Andrew Hutton at Cult, Mr John Miller at Newburgh, Mr George Henderſon at Dairſie, Miniſters; Andrew Barclay of Pittachop, Eſq; and the Honourable Capt. Frederick Maitland, Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of St. Andrews, Principal Tullideph, Mr James Burn at Forgan, Mr William Pairman at Ely, Mr James Forreſter at Anſtruther Weſter, Miniſters; Mr John M'Naughton; and James Durham of Largo, Eſq; Ruling Elders: From the Burgh of St Andrews, William Campbell younger of Fairfield, Eſq; From the Burgh of Anſtruther Eaſter, Mr William Chalmers, Writer in Edinburgh: From the Burgh of Kilrennie, William Alexander, Eſq; From the Presbytery of Meigle, Mr Alexander Dun at Bendochie, Mr James Ogilvie at Eaſſy and Nevay, Mr David Thomſon at Airly, Miniſters; and Patrick Aliſon of Newhall, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Forfar, Mr Thomas Raiker at Othlaw, Mr George Nicol at Kinnettles,

Kinnettles, Ministers; and the Earl of Northesk, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Forfar, John Adams of Maryburgh, Esq; From the Presbytery of Dundee, Dr James Blenshall at Dundee, Mr James Adamson at Abernyte, Mr Alexander Imlach at Muirhouse, Ministers; and Mr Andrew Pitcairn Writer in Dundee, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Dundee, George Dempster, Esq; From the Presbytery of Aberbrothock, Mr John Aitkin at St. Vigians, Mr James Hunter at Kirkden, Ministers; and the Honourable Baron Maule, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Aberbrothock, the Earl of Dalhousie: From the Presbytery of Brechin, Mr George Ogilvie at Menmuir, Mr James Lauder at Dun, Mr James Paton at Craig, Ministers; and Mr John Scott Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Fordoun, Mr James Smith at Garvock, Mr Alexander Shank at Ecclesgreig, Mr John Hutchison at Fettercsso, Ministers; and Mr William Galloway Merchant in Edinburgh, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Aberdeen, Mr Patrick Duff at Old Macher, Mr William Duff at Peterculter, Mr James Forsythe at Bethelvie, Mr Alexander Temple at Dyce, Ministers; and Professor Leslie, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Kincardine-O'niel, Mr John Ramsay at Strathaen, Mr Francis Downie at Banchoryternan, Dr John Ogilvie at Midmar, Ministers; and Sir Arthur Forbes of Craigievar, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Alford, Mr Theodore Gordon at Kennethmont, Mr Algernoon Gordon at Tullynesle, Mr Robert Findlay at Clat, Ministers; and Alexander Leith of Glenkindy, Esq; Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Ellon, Mr William Hay at Cruden, Mr Thomas Mitchell at Tarves, Ministers; and Professor Gordon, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Garrioch, Mr John Mair at Raine, Mr Alexander Stewart at Lesly, Mr Alexander Reid at
Ministers; and the Procurator, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Inverury, Mr John Clerk Merchant in Edinburgh: From the Presbytery of Fordyce, Mr Andrew Skene at Banff, Mr Robert Grant at Cullen, Ministers; and Mr John Robertson Writer in Edinburgh, Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Cullen, Mr George Ogilvie, Advocate; and the Assembly added Dr John Dryfdale one of the Ministers of Edinburgh, the Honourable George Baillie of Jervilwood, Esq; and Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto; To be Commissioners of this

General Aſſembly, to the Effect after-mentioned; with Power to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any Thirty-one of the ſaid Commiſſioners, whereof Twenty-one are always to be Miniſters, to meet and conveen within the Aſſembly-houſe at Edinburgh, the firſt Day after the Diſſolution of this Aſſembly, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon; and thereafter, the ſecond Wedneſday of Auguſt, third Wedneſday of November, and the firſt Wedneſday of March next to come, and oftner when and where they ſhall think fit and convenient, with Power to the ſaid Commiſſioners to chuſe their own Moderator: And likeways, the General Aſſembly fully impowers their ſaid Commiſſioners, or their *Quorum* abovementioned, to cognoſce and finally determine, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe, in every Matter referred, or that ſhall be referred to them, by an Act or Order of this Aſſembly, and to do every Thing contained in, and conform to the Inſtructions given, or to be given by this Aſſembly; and to advert to the Intereſt of the Church on every Occaſion, that the Church, and preſent Eſtabliſhment thereof do not ſuffer or ſuſtain any Prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be anſwerable: Provided always, that this general Clauſe be not extended to particular Affairs, or Proceſſes before Synods or Preſbyteries, that are not of univerſal Concern to, or Influence upon, the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed, that no private Proceſſes be determined, except at the four ſtated Diets; and what ſhall be determined at one Diet of the Commiſſion, with Relation to private Cauſes, ſhall be unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and ſhall ſtand and continue in Force, till diſapproven by the General Aſſembly. And the Aſſembly renews the Inſtructions given by the General Aſſembly in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen, to their Commiſſion, and appoints the ſame to ſtand in full Force, as Inſtructions to the Commiſſioners before-named, and to be obſerved by them in all Points, as if the ſame were ſpecially here inſert; and that they inquire into the publiſhing and ſpreading of Books and Pamphlets tending towards the promoting of Opinions of whatever Kind, inconſiſtent with our *Confeſſion of Faith*; and that the Recommenders

commenders of such Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contained, whether by Word, Writ, or Print, be called before the said Commission to answer for the same. And further, the said Commission is hereby impowered to receive any References and Appeals that shall be made to them from Synods, in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen such Affairs for the next General Assembly; and to contribute what they can to the suppressing of Vice and Immorality, and give all needful Advice and Assistance to Synods and Presbyteries, upon Application to them for that End: Likeways to take Care that the Impressions of the *Holy Scriptures*, the *Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms*, and such Books as are authorised by this Church, relating to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government thereof, be correct: and give Directions about printing the same. And the Commissioners are appointed and impowered to keep a Correspondence with the Commitee for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, for supressing Popery and Superstition, and for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, and carrying on a Reformation in these Parts, and give Assistance and Concurrence therein; and, if Need be, to apply to the Government for a proper Remedy and speedy Redress. And the said Commissioners are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other Matters than what are committed and referred to them, as above-mentioned: And, in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the same; declaring, that in, and for all their Actings, they shall be accountable to, and censurable by the next General Assembly, as they shall see Cause. And the General Assembly appoints the said Commissioners particularly to observe the Acts of the General Assemblies 1712, and 1719, respecting the Application of the public Money; which two Acts are printed among the Acts of Assembly 1761. And this Commission is to continue and endure until another Commission be appointed; and Members are required to attend the Diets of the said Commission; and Absents therefrom are ordered to be noticed, according to the

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17th Act of the General Aſſembly held in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſix. And for the better ſecuring of a *Quorum*, and Attendance of Members on the Commiſſion, the General Aſſembly prohibits the Preſbytery of Edinburgh, or any other Preſbytery within twelve Miles thereof, to meet on any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meeting of this Commiſſion; and ſuch of the Members of theſe Preſbyteries as are on the Commiſſion, are required all of them to give Attendance on the Diets thereof; and the Preſbyteries at a greater Diſtance, who have four or more Members on the Commiſſion, are to take Care, that at leaſt two of them attend each Diet of the ſame; and the General Aſſembly appoint their Commiſſion, at their firſt Meeting, to diſcuſs as many of the Cauſes and Queſtions relative to the Settlement of vacant Churches, which are, or ſhall be referred to them by the Aſſembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, that when any Preſbytery, or Synod of this Church, ſhall decline to comply with the Sentence of the Commiſſion, or to give the ſame a full Execution, in that Caſe the Commiſſion is hereby prohibited to execute the ſame, by appointing any ſuch correſpondent Meeting, as has been ſometimes the Practice; but ſhall allow the ſame to ly over to the enſuing Aſſembly, to which ſuch Preſbyteries or Synods ſhall be anſwerable for ſuch their Conduct, and are hereby appointed to ſend up with their Commiſſioners their Reaſons for the ſame. And the Aſſembly doth further impower and direct the ſaid Commiſſion, to make due Application to the King and Parliament, for Redreſs of the Grievance of Patronage, in caſe a favourable Opportunity for ſo doing ſhall occur during the Subſiſtence of this Commiſſion. And that in paſſing their Sentences, and in ordering the Execution of the ſame, they ſtrictly obſerve the 12th Act of the Aſſembly 1736.

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Collected and extracted from the Records of the General Assembly, by

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The Act of Aſſembly 1732, anent the Method of planting Vacant Churches, tranſmitted as an Overture to Preſbyteries.

THE General Aſſembly taking to their ſerious Conſideration how neceſſary it is, that (until it ſhall pleaſe God in his Providence to relieve this Church from the Grievances ariſing from the Act reſtoring Patronages) there ſhould be an eſtabliſhed Rule for the Planting of Vacant Pariſhes, when the Right of doing ſo falls into the Hands of Preſbyteries, either *tanquam jure devoluto*, or by the Conſent of ſuch as have Intereſt: And that there may be an uniform Method followed by Preſbyteries in this Matter, and ſo the unhappy Debates and Diviſions, which have often fallen out upon ſuch Occaſions, may be prevented in Time coming; and alſo, that it may be evident, that this Church deſires to have all the Pariſhes in it ſettled in ſuch a Manner as may give reaſonable Satisfaction to all concerned: Therefore enacts and ordains, That all Preſbyteries, when the Planting of any Pariſh ſhall fall into their Hands *tanquam jure devoluto*, take Care to have the ſame ſupplied by a well qualified Goſpel Miniſter, to labour among the People for their Spiritual Edification: And, in Order thereunto, when Application ſhall be made unto them by any Two or more of the Heretors and Elders, jointly or ſeparately, for the Moderation of a Call, the Preſbytery ſhall appoint Intimation

mation to be made from the Pulpit of the Vacant Pariſh, Ten free Days before the Meeting for that Effect, that a Call is to be moderated, and ſhall appoint One or more of their number, who, after Sermon, ſhall meet with the Heretors and Elders of the Vacant Pariſh, in Preſence of the Congregation, upon the Day fixed for the Moderation, to moderate in a Call to one to be Miniſter of the Pariſh, who is to be elected and called by the Heretors and Elders in a Conjunct Meeting. That after the finiſhing of the Election, the Perſon ſo elected to be Miniſter ſhall be propoſed to the Congregation, to be either Approven or Diſapproven of by them: That the Diſapprovers ſhall offer their Reaſons to the Preſbytery of the Bounds, at whoſe Judgment, and by whoſe Determination, the Calling and Entry of the Miniſter ſhall be ordered and concluded according to the Rules of this Church. That in Caſe of Vacancies in Royal Burghs, the Election or Call ſhall be by the Magiſtrates, Town Council, and Elders, in a joint Meeting, where there is no Landward Pariſh; and by the Magiſtrates, Town Council, Heretors, and Elders, in a joint Meeting, where Part of the Pariſh is to landward. And the General Aſſembly declares, That all Heretors, being Proteſtants, who ſhall be willing to ſubſcribe the Call by themſelves, or their lawful Proxies, or who ſhall, by a Writing under their Hand, invite the Perſon called to be Miniſter of the Pariſh, and to exerciſe the Duties of his miniſterial Function, and promiſe to encourage him in it, ſhall be admitted to vote in Calls or Elections of Miniſters to Vacant Pariſhes: And that no Vote, either of Heretors or Elders, ſhall be ſuſtained, except ſuch as ſhall have either ſigned the Call, or for whom there ſhall be produced a Writing, in the Manner and to the Purpoſe above-mentioned, in Preſence of the Miniſter moderating in the Call. And in Caſe of Difference amongſt the Heretors and Elders about the Perſon to be elected, the Miniſter moderating is appointed to reduce what ſhall be alledged on both Sides into a Minute, containing the true Matters of Fact, impartially, and to lay the ſame before the Preſbytery for their Deciſion. And in Caſe no Ap-

plication ſhall be made to the Preſbytery, in Manner foreſaid, by the Heretors or Elders, for moderating a Call, within Six Months after the *jus devolutum* begins to take Place; the General Aſſembly recommends it to Presbyteries to plant Vacant Churches in ſuch Manner as ſhall contribute moſt to the Advancement of Religion, and to the Peace and Comfort of Pariſhes.

And that there may be no unneceſſary Delays in planting of Churches, the Aſſembly further ordains, That in caſe within the Six Months next after the Vacancy, ſuch as have Intereſt ſhall ſhow their Diſpoſition to comply with this Eccleſiaſtical Rule, by applying to the Presbytery to have the Pariſh planted in the Way and Manner above ſpecified, the Presbytery ſhall proceed to the Settlement thereof in the foreſaid Way and Manner, without putting it off till the ſaid Six Months are expired. And the General Aſſembly recommends it to all Miniſters, Preachers, and Members of this Church, to take Care that they do not encourage nor go into any Method for planting Vacant Churches, contrary to, or inconſiſtent with this Act.

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Actings and Proceedings of the General Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland, held in the Year 1769, which are not printed at full Length.

May 18. 1769, *Seſſ.* 1.

AFTER Sermon by the Reverend Doctor Gilbert Hamilton Miniſter at Cramond, Moderator of the laſt General Aſſembly, the Miniſters and Ruling Elders, conveened in the Aſſembly-Houſe in the uſual Manner; and after Prayer by the ſaid Dr Gilbert Hamilton, Dr James M'Knight Miniſter of the Goſpel at Maybole, being choſen Moderator, he at the Aſſembly's Deſire took the Chair.

Proteſts taken againſt ſeveral Votes, on Account of alledged Informalites or Nullities in their Commiſſions.

The King's Commiſſion to John Earl of Glaſgow, to repreſent his Majeſty's Royal Perſon, read and recorded.

The King's moſt gracious Letter to this Aſſembly, read and recorded.

The Commiſſioners Speech at opening this Aſſembly; and the Moderator's Speech in return thereto.

His Majeſty's Royal Warrant for L. 1000 Sterling delivered in to the Aſſembly by his Grace the Commiſſioner, read, and ordered to be recorded.

A Committee named for anſwering the King's moſt gracious Letter.

A motion made for addreſſing his Majeſty; and a Committee named to prepare a Draught of the ſame.

A Committee named for reviſing the Commiſſions to the members of this Aſſembly, cenſuring Abſents from the Diets thereof; naming Miniſters to preach before his Grace the King's Commiſſioner; receiving in Liſts of Probationers in the ſeveral Presbyteries, in order to their being recorded.

Committee for Overtures named.

Committee

Committee for Bills, References and Appeals named.
Adjournment.

May 19. 1769, *Seſſ.* 2.

Sederunt.
A new Commiſſion produced.
A Diet ſpent in Prayer.
The Act 7th of Aſſembly 1718, for the better Diſpatch of the Buſineſs of the Aſſembly, read, and the Obſervations thereof enjoined.
Miniſters named to preach before his Grace the King's Commiſſioner.
The Committe for Overtures and Bills, appointed to meet this Evening at their uſual Places.
Adjournment.

May 20. 1769, *Seſſ.* 3.

Sederunt.
A new Commiſſion produced.
The Draught of the King's moſt gracious Letter to this Aſſembly, brought in and approven; and his Grace the Commiſſioner, at the Aſſembly's Requeſt, undertakes to tranſmit the ſame to His Majeſty.
The Draught of an Addreſs to his Majeſty brought in, and remitted back to the Committee, who are appointed to report on Monday.
The Report of the Commitee for reviſing Commiſſions, having paſſed the Committee for Overtures, was called for and read.
Objection to the Commiſſions from the Presbyteries of Abernethy and Tong, that they wanted the words *Extracted by*, and the Subſcription of the Clerk: The Commiſſions ſuſtained, in reſpect the Informality proceeded from a Defect in the printed Forms of Commiſſions.
Objection to Mr Colin Campbell's Commiſſion, from the Presbytery of Dunbarton, that he is not now a Member of that Presbytery: The fact not being properly brought before the Aſſembly, the Objection repelled *in hoc ſtatu*
The Commiſſion from the Presbytery of Dingwall, &c.

The Commiſſion from the Presbytery of Dingwall, and Burghs of Banff and Annan rejected, in regard they wanted the following words in the preſcribed form, "According to the Word of God, the "Confeſſion of Faith, and agreeable to the Con- "ſtitution of this Church.

Objection to one of the Elders from the Presbytery of Ayr, that the Commiſſion, inſtead of the Words of the preſcribed Form concerning his having ſigned the *Formula*, bears, that it does not appear to the Presbytery, that he had hitherto ſigned the *Formula*; only it was repreſented to the Committee, that he had ſigned the ſame in the Kirk-ſeſſion of Coylton after his Election: It being argued by ſome Members, that, according to the conſuetudinary Law of the Church, the Elder had it in his Power to purge the Objection by ſigning the *Formula* after his Election, the Aſſembly by a Vote ſuſtained his Commiſſion.

The conſideration of the Objections to the other Commiſſions delayed till Monday.

The Roll of Cauſes tranſmitted by the Committee for Bills, called for, produced, and read over.

Reſolve anent taking in Cauſes.

The Committee named by the laſt General Aſſembly to conſider the Overture anent the Law of Patronage, appointed to give in their Report to the Committee for Overtures, in ſuch Time as that the ſame might come before the Aſſembly on Wedneſday.

The Committee for managing the Enzie fund impowered to meet and prepare their Report, to be brought in to this Aſſembly.

The Commitee on the Window Tax impowered to meet, and prepare their Report, to be brought in to this Aſſembly.

The Committee for Bills, appointed to meet this Evening.

Adjournment.

May 22. 1769, *Seſſ.* 4.

Sederunt.

Upon reading the Minutes of Saturday, a Member obſerved, that there was no Evidence, that the Ruling Elder from the Presbytery of Ayr, *viz.* Mr Ivie Hair, had ſigned the *Formula*, upon which a Certificate from the Kirk Seſſion of Coylton was produced and read, bearing, that Mr Hair had ſigned the *Formula*, which the Aſſembly ſuſtained. A Diſſent was entered againſt the Sentence on Saturday, ſuſtaining his Commiſſion, by Mr John Freebairn Miniſter at Dunbarton, and adhered to by ſeveral other Members.

The Committee for preparing an Addreſs to his Majeſty, repreſented, that they were not yet ready to make their Report; and craved a further Delay, which the Aſſembly granted.

A Committee named to reviſe the Synod Book of Lothian and Tweeddale.

A Committee named to reviſe the Synod Book of Merſe and Teviotdale.

A Committee named to reviſe the Synod Book of Galloway.

A Committee named to reviſe the Synod Book of Fife.

The Synod Books of Murray, Roſs, Glenelg, Sutherland and Caithneſs, Orkney, Dumfries, Glaſgow and Ayr, Argyle, Perth and Stirling, Angus and Mearns, Aberdeen, and the Presbytery Book of Zetland not being brought up to this Aſſembly, reſolved, that the Clerk write to the Moderator of the ſeveral Synods, and of the ſaid Presbytery, whoſe Books are abſent.

A Committee named to reviſe the Regiſter of the Actings and Proceedings of the Commiſſion of the late General Aſſembly, audite the Procurator and Agent's Accompts, conſider the State of the Public Money, and prepare Overtures about the ſame.

A Committee named to reviſe the Regiſter of the Actings and Proceedings of the Committee, named by laſt Aſſembly for managing the Royal Bounty for the Reformation of the Highlands and Iſlands.

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The Committee for Overtures impowered to receive in from the ſeveral Members, any Inſtructions given to them by their reſpective Synods or Presbyteries, claſs the Matters therein contained, and prepare Overtures thereupon to the Aſſembly; and receive in and conſider any Accounts that ſhall be given them of the State of the Church in the North Highlands, particularly concerning the Growth of Popery and Superſtition, and prepare Overtures for preventing and ſuppreſſing thereof.

Reſolve anent taking in Cauſes.

The Commiſſions from the Burghs of Lauder, Whithorn, Wigton, and the Univerſity of Glaſgow rejected, on account of Informalities in their Dates.

Objections to the Commiſſion from the Church of Campvere repelled, without Prejudice to the Aſſembly's conſidering afterwards the general Point, Whether Clergymen can be elected as Ruling Elders, when it is brought regularly before them?

Objection to the Commiſſions from the Preſbyteries of Dunkeld and Stranrawer, that the Elders were in the Character of Clergymen, repelled.

Objection to the Commiſſions from the Burghs of Dunbar and Irvine, that the Commiſſioners were Preachers, repelled.

Objection to the Commiſſioner from the Burgh of St Andrews, that he is a Minor, repelled, conſidering that the Aſſembly had no Evidence of the Objection before them.

A new Edition of the Forms and Atteſtations of Commiſſions appointed to be publiſhed, and ſent to all Presbyteries, Univerſities, and Burghs.

A Petition and Complaint of Mr Duncan M'Farlane Miniſter at Drumen, againſt the Presbytery of Dunbarton, for continuing Mr Colin Campbell late Miniſter at Kilmaronock, now at Renfrew, one of their Repreſentatives to this Aſſembly, when he was now not a conſtituent Member of that Presbytery, heard, and Mr Campbell's Election ſuſtained.

The Petition for Mr Norman M'Kenzie delayed till to-morrow.

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The Committee for Overtures appointed to meet this Evening, in their uſual Place.

Adjournment.

23d May, 1769, *Seſſ. 5th.*

Sederunt.

A new Commiſſion produced.

Written Reaſons of Diſſent by Mr John Freebairn, *&c.* againſt the Judgment of the Aſſembly pronounced on Saturday laſt, ſuſtaining the Commiſſion to the Ruling Elder from the Presbytery of Ayr, were given in and read, and ordered to be kept *in retentis*. Several other Members adhered to the ſaid Reaſons.

The Draught of an Addreſs to His Majeſty brought in and approven; and His Grace the Commiſſioner, at the Aſſembly's Requeſt, undertakes to tranſmit the ſame to His Majeſty.

Upon Report from the Committee for Overtures, concerning the Three Overtures tranſmitted by ſeveral former Aſſemblies, from which it appeared, that the State of Returns from Presbyteries, reſpecting theſe Overtures, is almoſt the ſame as laſt Year, they are again tranſmitted to ſuch Presbyteries as have not yet made any Returns.

A Petition for Mr Norman M'Kenzie read, and the Presbytery of Lewes appointed at their firſt Meeting, after the uſual Time of the Synod's Meeting, in caſe there be either no Meeting of the Synod, or no Report from the Synod, with Objections to Mr M'Kenzie, to take him upon Trials, and licenſe him, if found qualified.

An Appeal of Sir John Stewart of Allanbank, Baronet, Patron of the Pariſh of St Ninian's, and ſeveral Heretors of the ſaid Pariſh, concurring in a Call to Mr David Thomſon Miniſter at Gargunnock, to be Miniſter at St Ninian's, from a Sentence of the Presbytery of Stirling, and Synod of Perth and Stirling, finding, that the Judgment of laſt Aſſembly in this Caſe was final, heard, and the Sentences of the Presbytery and Synod reverſed; againſt which Judgment ſeveral Members diſſented; and the Aſſembly delayed till to-morrow the

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Conſideration of what Directions they are to give the Presbytery of Stirling reſpecting this Settlement.

The Committee for Overtures and Bills appointed to meet to-morrow Morning, in their uſual Places.

Adjournment.

24th May, 1769. *Seſſ.* 6.

Sederunt.

Upon reading over the Minutes of laſt Sederunt, Mr Archibald Lawſon Miniſter at Kirmahoe, adhered to the Diſſent from the Judgment anent the Settlement of St Ninian's.

Upon reading the Report of the Committee for Bills, the General Aſſembly referred the Petition for Mr Archibald Little to the Committee on the public Accompts.

Reſolve anent taking in the Petition and Complaint of the Pariſh of Ettrick.

Upon reſuming the conſideration of the Settlement of St Ninian's, the General Aſſembly appointed the Presbytery of Stirling to proceed to the Moderation of a Call to the Preſentee, according to the Rules of the Church, betwixt the laſt Day of June and the firſt Day of September next.

The General Aſſembly, upon conſidering the Report of the Committee appointed by laſt Aſſembly, relative to the Grievances felt from the rigorous Uſe of the Law of Patronage; which Report had been tranſmitted by their Committee for Overtures, Found, that from the Proceedings of the Committee of laſt Aſſembly, and as Matters at preſent ſtand, it did not appear to be expedient for the Church to appoint a Committee, with Powers ſimilar to thoſe given by laſt Aſſembly; againſt which Judgment Dr Dick, Mr Andrew Crosbie, Mr George Muir, and Mr John M'Laurin diſſented.

Reſolve anent taking in Cauſes.

Adjournment.

25th May, 1769, *Seſſ.* 7.

Sederunt.

A new Commiſſion produced.

Upon reading the Minute of Yeſterday anent the Diſſent againſt the Aſſembly's Judgment on the Overture reſpecting the Law of Patronage, by Dr Dick, and others, Mr James Burn, Mr Colin Campbell, and a Number of the Members, adhered to the Diſſent.

An Appeal of the Miniſter of Rogorton, and the Seſſion Clerk, againſt a Sentence of the Synod of Perth and Stirling heard, and Part of the Sentence of the Presbytery of Perth affirmed, and all the reſt of it reverſed, and certain Minutes of the Presbytery and Seſſion ordered to be expunged.

The Petition for the Pariſh of Ettrick moved; but the Conſideration thereof delayed, on Account of the Indiſpoſition of Mr Joſeph Williamſon, Counſel for the Miniſter.

Reſolve anent taking in Cauſes.

Adjournment.

26th May, 1769, *Seſſ.* 8.

Sederunt.

The Report of the Committee appointed by laſt and preceding Aſſemblies for managing the Enzie Fund called for: The ſame was given in and read, as alſo a Petition for the Presbytery of Fordyce relative to ſaid Fund. The General Aſſembly approved of the Conduct of the ſaid Committee, and impowered them to finiſh the Tranſaction mentioned in ſaid Petition, and added to the ſaid Committee the Procurator, Mr Sollicitor Dundas, and Mr George Ogilvie, Advocate.

The General Aſſembly, upon conſidering the Petition and Complaint of the Pariſh of Ettrick, approved of the Conduct of the Presbytery of Selkirk, and ordered the Suſpenſion, *ſine die*, to end the firſt Day of Auguſt next.

An Appeal of Hugh Williamſon of Garvald, and other Heretors of the Pariſh of Denny, againſt a Sentence of the Synod of Perth and Stirling heard, and the Sentences of the Synod and Presbytery of

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Stirling affirmed, and the Presbytery appointed to proceed to the Settlement of the Presentee, as Minister of the Parish of Denny, according to the Rules of the Church.

The Members of the several Synods appointed to meet among themselves, in order to bring in a List of the Nominators of the Commission, according to the 6th Act of Assembly 1705.

Resolve anent taking in Causes.

The Committee for Overtures appoined to meet this Evening, in their usual Place.

Adjournment.

27th May, 1769. *Sess.* 9.

Sederunt.

The Report of the Trustees for the Widows Fund was given in, and ordered to lye upon the Table till another Diet.

The Committee on the Enzie Fund appointed to meet on Monday Morning at 9 o'clock, in the Society Hall.

The Report of the Visitors of the Royal Bounty Register given in and read; the Conduct of the Managers approven of, and their Book ordered to be attested.

A Committee named for managing the Royal Bounty this Year, with the Commission and Instructions to them.

The Procurator and Agent's Accompts, and the Printer and Stationer's Accompts produced, and ordered to lye on the Table till another Diet.

The Report of the Committee named to consider Applications for Shares of the Public Money, with the Procurator's Opinion on these Applications, given in and read.

The Assembly appointed as follows.

That Mr Buchanan Minister at Fouldon, should be allowed L. 15 Sterling, in Consideration of the great Expence he was put to in obtaining a Decree of the Court of Session, confirming a Decree of his Presbytery, designing him Grass for a Horse and two Cows, and which Decree is now appealed to the House of Peers.

That Mr Algernoon Gordon Miniſter at Tullineſsle, be allowed the Sum of L. 25 Sterling, in order to enable him to carry through a Proceſs of Valuation of his Vicarage Teinds, in caſe the Expence of his Proceſs ſhall amount to that Sum.

That Mr James Biſhop, Miniſter at Kinclevan, be allowed the Sum of L. 10 Sterling, and to be immediately paid him, in order to enable him to carry through a Proceſs of Deſignation of Graſs, &c. preſently depending before the Court of Seſſion.

That Mr John Reid Miniſter at Orpher, be allowed the Sum of L. 15 Sterling, and that Sum to be immediately paid him, in order to enable him to finiſh a Proceſs of Augmentation, preſently depending at his Inſtance, and to extract his Decree.

That Mr George Robertſon Miniſter at Campbeltoun, be allowed the Sum of L. 25 Sterling, in reſpect he has ſo many Heretors to contend with, and has already been at great Expence in attaining Poſſeſſion of his Manſe.

That the Preſbytery of Garioch be immediately paid the Sum of L. 10 : 19 : 0 Sterling, already laid out by them: And the Procurator and Agent for the Church are authorized to oppoſe the deſigned Tranſportation of the Pariſh-Church of the now United Pariſhes of Keith-hall and Kinkell, and to carry on a Proceſs againſt the Heretors of the ſaid Pariſh for building a centrical Church and Manſe at Legate, according to the Decree paſſed by the Preſbyteries of Garioch, conform to the Sentence of the Lords Commiſſioners; and that the Expence of ſaid Proceſſes ſhall be paid out of the public Fund of the Church.

The Perſons above named (excepting thoſe whoſe Sums are ordered to be immediately paid to them) to be ranked as Creditors on the Fund, and to draw their Payments after the Debts already contracted on ſaid Fund ſhall be paid.

The ſaid Committee tranſmitted an Overture anent applying to the King and Council for an Addition to the Fund, which the Aſſembly remitted to the Conſideration of the Committee on the Window Tax, and ordered

ed that Committee to report thereanent againſt next Aſſembly.

The Report of the Committee, appointed by laſt Aſſembly, to reviſe and conſider Mr George Trail's Accompts, given in and approven; and Mr Trail ranked as a Creditor on the public Fund, for the Sum of L. 191 : 1 : 10 Sterling, to become due to him after the Debts already contracted on ſaid Fund ſhall be paid, but previous to any of the Creditors ranked by this Aſſembly.

The Report of the Committee appointed by laſt Aſſembly, to ſettle Dr Gordon's Salary, not being ready, the General Aſſembly continued ſaid Committee, and appointed them to report to next Aſſembly.

The Report of the Committee appointed by laſt Aſſembly, for conſidering the Amendments to the Overture anent licenſing Probationers, not being ready, the General Aſſembly continued ſaid Committee, and appointed them to report to next Aſſembly.

The Report of the Committee appointed by laſt Aſſembly, for conſidering the Order of the Houſe, and the better Accommodation of the Members, not being ready, the General Aſſembly continued that Committee, and added thereto Mr John Adams Architect.

Mr Robert Fleming junior, Printer in Edinburgh, appointed conjunct Printer to the Church with his Father, and the Survivancy to the longeſt Liver of them.

Upon Report of the Commitee for Overtures, tranſmitting to the Aſſembly Inſtructions from the Synod of Roſs, relative to the croſſing of Ferries on the Lord's Day, the General Aſſembly recommended it to the Procurator, to give that Synod what Advice and Inſtructions he ſhould think neceſſary anent this Affair.

The Reaſons of Diſſent againſt the Sentence of this Aſſembly, in the Cauſe of St Ninians, given in, in Writing, and read, and ordered to lie *in Retentis*; Dr Blenſhall and Mr Alexander Ferguſon Advocate adhered to ſaid Diſſent.

An Appeal of George Haldane, Eſq; of Gleneagles, and others, callers of Mr Patrick Crichton, the Crown's Preſentee, to be Miniſter of Glendovan, againſt a Sentence of the Preſbytery of Auchterarder, finding that they could not proceed in the Cauſe, or take in any

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Papers thereanent, as it depended before the Venerable Aſſembly, heard; and the Preſbytery appointed to proceed of new to the Moderation of a Call to the Preſentee, according to the Rules of the Church, between the laſt Day of June and firſt Day of September next.

The Committee for Overtures appointed to meet on Monday Morning in their uſual Place.

Adjournment.

29th *May*, 1769, *Seſſ. ult.*

Sederunt.

There was produced and read, a Letter from Mr Grant Miniſter at Kilmanivaig, addreſſed to the Moderator, deſiring a Share of the public Money; but in regard the ſame had not been before the Procurator, nor Committee of Bills, the Aſſembly could not take it under their Conſideration.

Written Reaſons of Diſſent againſt the Reſolution of this Aſſembly, upon the Overture anent the rigorous uſe of the Law of Patronage, were givin in and read, and ordered to ly *in Retentis*; Mr Alexander Ferguſon, Mr John Moſman, Mr John Kingan, Mr Lauchlan Taylor, and Provoſt Dickſon at Haddingtoun, alſo adhered to the ſaid Diſſent.

The Report of the Committee for naming the Members of the Commiſſion, and drawing up Inſtructions to them, brought in and approven; and the General Aſſembly added Dr John Dryſdale in place of the Moderator, the Honourable George Baillie of Jerviſwood, Eſq; and Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto.

Upon Report of the Committee for Overtures, the General Aſſembly ordered a Form of a Commiſſion for the Conſiſtory of Campvere, to be tranſmitted to the Conſiſtory and Preſbytery of Edinburgh, that they may return their Opinion thereupon to the next Aſſembly.

The General Aſſembly approved of two Overtures tranſmitted by the Committee, reſpecting the improving and enlarging Miniſters Glebes; and appointed a Committee to conſider this Matter and report to next Aſſembly.

The General Aſſembly agreed to tranſmit the Act of Aſſembly 1732, anent the Method of planting Vacant Churches, as an Overture to Preſbyteries, that they may

may return their Opinion to the next Aſſembly, concerning the reviving of the ſaid Act.

Upon an Overture anent reponing Mr Thomas Gilleſpie, againſt the Sentence of Depoſition paſſed upon him in the year 1752, the General Aſſembly delayed this Overture till next Aſſembly.

The Report of the Committee appointed by laſt Aſſembly upon the Window-Tax, called for; the ſame given in and read: The Thanks of the Houſe given to Dr Carliſle, for his Care and Diligence in the Buſineſs committed to him: The General Aſſembly approved of the Committee's Conduct: The Committee continued, and full Powers given them: Dr Carliſle appointed Commiſſioner to make Application to Parliament, in Name of the Church, under the Order and by the Direction of the Committee; and the Moderator of this Aſſembly, and Mr William Alexander, are added to the Committee.

The Report of the Truſtees for managing the Fund for a Proviſion to Miniſters Widows, &c. containing a State of the Fund under their Management, and an Accompt of their Proceedings, ſince laſt Aſſembly, being called for, was read and ordered to be recorded in the ſeparate Regiſter kept for that Purpoſe.

Act approving the Accompt of Mr David Dalrymple Procurator for the Church, and exonering and diſcharging him and his Cautioners of the Sum of L. 897 : 14 : $4\frac{2}{3}$ Sterling, excepting a balance of L. 143 : 10 : $0\frac{2}{3}$ Sterling, which he is to charge himſelf with in his next Accompt.

Act approving the Accompt of James Edmonſtone Agent for the Church, and Sub-Clerk to the General Aſſembly; and appointing that he debit himſelf in his next Accompt for the Sum of L. 8 : 5 : 2, being the Balance in his Hands.

Act approving the Accompt of Robert Fleming Printer for the Church, and ordering payment of the Sum of L. 60 Sterling accordingly.

Act approving the Accompt of William Miller Bookſeller, for Stationary Ware, furniſhed for the Uſe of the Church, and ordering Payment of the Sum of L. 8 Sterling accordingly.

The Synod-book of Lothian and Tweedale atteſted.

The Synod-book of Merſe and Teviotdale atteſted.

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The Synod-book of Galloway atteſted.
The Synod-book of Fyfe atteſted.
The Cauſe of Mr Thomas Stewart, Miniſter at Crieff, referred to the Commiſſion.
Liſt of Probationers produced, and ordered to be recorded.
Proteſtations admitted.
All Cauſes brought before this Aſſembly, and not determined by them, referred to the Commiſſion.
A Committee named to reviſe the Minutes of the Aſſembly's proceedings, at this and all other Diets thereof, and to pitch upon ſuch of the Acts of the Aſſembly as are to be ſtanding Rules, in order to their being printed.
The Moderator's Speech to the Aſſembly, and His Majeſty's Commiſſioner.
The Lord Commiſſioner's Speech to the Aſſembly.—— Act, appointing the next Meeting of Aſſembly.
The Aſſembly concluded with Prayer, and ſinging of Pſalms.

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